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Basic Steps In Paper Making

Irish Plan Two For Marian Year

Ireland on May 24 will issue a set of two commemoratives to note the "Marian Year" proclaimed by Pope Pius XII and which began last December. The design common to both is a reproduction of a Della Robbia Madonna and Child in the crypt of San Gaetano, Florence, Italy.



The name of the state "Eire" is shown at the foot of the stamp and the words "Annus Marianus 1953-1954" appear at the top.

Denominations and colors are 3d blue and 5d green. Printing will be from engraved plates on paper watermarked "E" by De La Rue at Clonskeagh, Dublin.

Collectors can prepare envelopes with their names and addresses to be used for first day covers. They must enclose a stuffer which fills the inside area. These and the proper remittance are to be sent to the Philatelic Section, G.P.O., Dublin, Ireland to arrive before May 24. It will take both stamps to prepay the surface rate to the United States.

Currently, one shilling equaling twelve pence, is worth 14¢ of U.S. money. Payments are to be made by money order or cashier's or certified check.

Discover Common 1/2 Jamaica Variety

Reported by the British West Indies study circle is a previously unknown variety on a stamp of Jamaica, Scott #116, the 1/2 blue green of the 1938-52 King George VI issue.

This is a watermarked issue. On the stamp in question the watermark has been found sideways in the paper, and declared a genuine item after expert examination.

Since it is a common stamp stocks of them do not exist. What might be found in the future will probably appear in packets and mixtures where bulk material of this worth is accumulated.

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An Introduction To Native People Seen On Stamps Of Australia, Dependencies

Kenneth Allen

Australia has shown its interest in and appreciation of the native peoples of her mainland and territories by frequently representing them on stamps. Over the years they have attractively featured the native way of life, customs, habits and typical activities.

Australian aborigines have been shown on two occasions. The first was on the three stamps issued in 1934 for the Victorian centenary celebrations, with a wide-eyed native, a member of the now extinct Yarra Tribe (which originally dwelt in the vicinity) gazing across the Yarra River.

This well-built, curly-haired and bearded aborigine stood on the southern bank of the river, as he took in the beauty of the distant Melbourne skyline. The design of the aborigine was drawn from portraits in the National Museum, Melbourne.

A celebrated member of the Wailbri tribe, of Central Australia — later to be known as "One Pound Jimmy," — whose native name was "Djungarai," figured on an 8½d stamp printed in 1950, and again on a 2s 6d denomination issued in 1952.

Djungarai was shown in a head and shoulder study based on a photograph taken by Melbourne photographer R. Dunstan, in 1935. Daryl Lindsay, well-known Melbourne artist, designed the stamp.

The Australian aboriginal population today is estimated at 75,000, of whom 52,000 are full-blood. They are found in many parts of all states, except Tasmania.

In 1932 Papua produced sixteen pictorial stamps, eleven of which specifically related to typical Papuan native life. The issue was based on designs and photographs provided by E. Williams, E. Whitehead and Gibson.

A Motuan woman of Port Moresby, figures on the ½d, carrying on her head a bundle of wood, while her baby was slung over her back from a "kiapa," or string bag. With a grass skirt, she also wore a necklace of shark's teeth, with plumes of the Bird of Paradise

and hibiscus in her hair. The 1d stamp portrayed "Steve," son of a chief of Hanuabada near Port Moresby, whose tribal name was Oala. He wore his father's dancing costume complete with enormous headdress of Bird of Paradise plumes.

Described on the stamp as "A Papuan Dandy," the 3d value of the series showed a native of Koitapua wearing typical headdress composed of cockatoo feathers. A band of cuscus (opossum) fur was worn across his forehead, and metal armbands, sapi sapi, and seeds, with tortoise-shell earrings and a nose tusk, completed his adornments.

The 4d stamp pictured a mother at the door of her bamboo hut bending over a cooking pot. She had a baby on her back and native weapons, and a lakatoi (native trading vessel) appeared in the background.

The 6d value also related to motherhood by including a study of a mother with two babies on the seashore. A man fashioning a canoe paddle was seen at the right.

A masked dancer from Kerema in hornbill mask appeared as the subject for the 5d design. Made in secrecy, women were prevented from seeing these hideous masks. They were made of wickerwork and resembled a hornbill. Later the women saw them when they were worn at dancing festivals.

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Don E. Smith

There was an article in a magazine I read a couple of years ago that had some rather misleading statements in it. I felt that the stamp collectors should have a little more accurate information, so, after a reasonable amount of research, and my own knowledge, I decided to try my hand at writing an article on this subject.

Authorities differ on the date of the first paper, but reputable authorities place it about 3600 B.C. This paper was made by splitting the papyrus reed—which grows only in the Nile valley and India—into thin layers, and gluing two layers together at right angles to each other. The glue used for this was merely water from the Nile River—certainly must have been gummy stuff!

The oldest piece of paper in the British Museum is only 800 years old, so it is most probably made from rags.

The first paper made by cooking and beating vegetable materials into small fibers was done by the Chinese. They kept it secret for several hundred years. The first paper made from rags in India was about 800 A.D., Egypt 900 A.D., Spain 1150 A.D., and England 1495 A.D.

The art of paper making was very slow to advance, both in technology and distance, this again was due to each group or country trying to keep their processes secret.

The first paper mill in the Colonies was at Germantown, Pa., in 1690, and there were only 20 mills by 1797. Only white rags were used until 1774, when a process for bleaching with chlorine was patented, then they could use cheaper and colored rags. The inadequate supply of rags was an influencing factor in the slow growth of the paper industry.

In 1860, 80 percent of the raw material for paper was rags, the remainder being cotton waste, rope, straw and bagging. About 1830 the first straw paper was made in the United States — this was a coarse, cheap wrapping paper.

The first paper in Bagdad, India was made by allowing rags to ferment, then they were boiled with wood ashes, put in bags and placed in running streams to wash out unused chemicals. Then they were beaten — in the bag — on a wood block, using wooden sticks to pound with, then diluted in a vat.

The sheet was formed on a sieve-like flat screen — this took considerable skill, and was done by a few skilled craftsmen. They would dip the sieve in the slurry, pick up the required amount of water and fiber, and holding the screen perfectly level, shake out the water. The sheet was removed from the screen, placed between felts and pressed, then hung up to dry. After drying it was dipped by hand into a size and again dried.

About 1150 A.D. the Spanish used a water wheel to lift and drop the hammers, thus mechanizing one step of the operation, and this method was used until 1700, when the Holland beater was invented. This machine was, and still is, a round roll with knives on it turning against a bedplate that also had knives imbedded in it. This bruised and brushed out the fibers better and in far less time than the old hammer method.

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French Stamps Show National Products

France on May 10 issued five stamps all of them picturing national products. Various prominent buildings are included in the designs but these are background representations.



On the 25 francs is pictured a tapestry; 30fr religious books; 40fr porcelain and crystal ware; 50fr jewelry and objets d'art; 75fr perfume and flowers.

Gimbels Stamp Department advises that a single will appear May 24 for the 50th anniversary of the annual Paris Fair.

Japan's Wrestling Commem On May 22

Japan on May 22 will release a 10 yen commemorative with a "Sport" motif for the International Free Style Wrestling Championship to be held in that country.

Printed by photogravure in miniature sheets of 20, the design will show wrestlers in action. A total of four million are to be printed.

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Bentham's Canadian Column

Odds And Ends From Here And There

Lorne W. Bentham

Canada's most valuable stamp is not included in the nation's stamp collection display at the Philatelic Agency at Ottawa. Or for that matter, there isn't any attempt being made to have on permanent display a complete Canadian collection for official purposes, such as at exhibitions of philatelic organizations and conventions.

The only twelve penny stamp that was in an official Canadian collection, was the one purchased by the Post Office Department privately in 1939. This was included in the mint Canadian collection presented to the late King George VI when His Majesty and the Queen Mother visited Canada in that year.

Stamps that form the displays at the Philatelic Agency are a few Canadian stamps issued anywhere from six to eight years back as well as the die proofs.

But, the majority of the stamps on display are those that are presented to the Post Office Department by member nations of the Universal Postal Union.

Since the twelve penny black stamp is Canada's rarest, it is indeed a pity that there are only a few in existence in the country.

As a matter of fact, the majority that were printed have found their way into collections of philatelists in England and the United States.

In conclusion, I really believe that the Canadian Postal officials should make a real effort in forming a complete mint Canadian collection and have it on display at the Philatelic Agency, or better still, establish a Canadian Postal Museum where the collection could be viewed by traveling collectors to the capital city, Ottawa.

And now here's quite a novel idea for those collectors who are always on the look-out for something new when it comes to the problem of what to exhibit in the annual stamp exhibition.

During my attendance at the annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society in Westmount, Quebec in 1949, I came across an exhibit in the Westmount Stamp Club's yearly show that caught my eye.

The collector in question exhibited the Canadian 1942 War Set with autographs of high ranking officials who were directly and indirectly connected with their release.

He had the autographs of the late William Lyon Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada at the time, the Postmaster-General of that period as well as the signatures of the Defense Minister and the Governor-General.

The autographs appeared on the margins of the album sheet. I haven't seen anything like it since. Quite a novel idea, don't you think?

That's combining two hobbies — autograph collecting and philately.

Turning to the philatelic market for a moment now, that \$1 Parliament Building issued in 1929 is certainly scarce in used condition.

Dealers, both in the United States and Canada, report that their stocks, especially in good used condition, are very low. And the price that is being asked for this item will no doubt rise during the coming years. Collectors are finding it very difficult to locate well-centered copies.

For the information of all concerned, this stamp was released during a period when the Canadian Post Office Department was not very concerned in pleasing philatelists by selling them cream of the crop copies.

Should any reader come across a well-centered one of this stamp, he or she can prize it very highly for there are very few of them in that condition appearing on the stamp market.

With this thought in mind, I have decided to conduct a survey of Linn's readers interested in collecting Canadian stamps, to send me their choice of what they consider to be the most attractive Canadian stamp. Of course, I am including every stamp that Canada has issued and that's a big field to choose from.

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250	21c Columbian	36.00	5.25	766	27c Army	—	—	—	1024 3c Truckers	2.00	.20	.16	.05	652 22c Red Lilac	.23	.19	.06
251	22c Columbian	4.25	.85	767	28c Navy	—	—	—	1025 3c Patton	2.00	.20	.16	.05	653 23c Gray	.23	.19	.06
252	23c Columbian	17.50	3.60	768	29c Army	—	—	—	1026 3c Perry	2.00	.20	.16	.05	654 24c Blue	.23	.19	.06
253	24c Columbian	2.25	.40	769	30c Navy	—	—	—	1027 3c N. Y. Cent.	2.00	.20	.16	.05	655 25c Magenta	.23	.19	.06
254	25c Columbian	17.50	3.90	770	31c Navy	—	—	—	1028 3c Gadsden	2.00	.20	.16	.05	656 26c Carmine	.23	.19	.06
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Shape of the commems is square although the design is circular. Seven different were used pertaining to the UN and to Nicaragua.

Denominations of the airmails are 3c, 4c, 5c, 30c, and 2, 3 and 5 Cordobas. The regulars are 3c, 4c, 5c, 15c and 1C.

Printing was from engraved plates by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd. of London, England.

The set can be purchased at face value plus return postage from the Philatelic Agency, P. O. Box 325, National Palace, Managua D. N., Nicaragua. The official rate of exchange is one U.S. dollar equals 5 Cordobas. (One Cordoba has 100 centavos.) Payment can be made by cashier's or certified check or U.S. dollar bills.

Cerebral Palsy Victims Need Help

Joseph A. Fierman, himself not a stamp collector, has been helping a number of handicapped persons who are. They number approximately 22 cerebral palsied victims in the Cleveland, Ohio area who find recreation and therapeutic benefits from the hobby.

Mr. Fierman could use some help in the way of stamps, albums and supplies. Sendings to A & J Printing Co. 2042 E. Fourth St., Cleveland 15, Ohio.

Program Celebrates Israel Anniversary

The sixth anniversary of the founding of Israel will be celebrated with an appropriate philatelic program by the Israel Palestine Society of Los Angeles, Calif. It will take place May 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Hillel Foundation, University of California, 1029 W. 36th St.

Two speakers, an exhibition of pertinent stamps and covers, a trading session and refreshments will occupy the time. All are welcome and admission is free.

Kohn President Of Austria Collectors

There wasn't much argument when it came to electing the new officers of the Austria Philatelic Society for the members unanimously welcomed the slate proposed by the nominating committee. Now president is Frank E. Kohn; vice presidents Martin Pleskow and Irving Gross; treasurer Curtis Wilson; secretary Leopold Kovacz, 265 Cabrini Blvd., New York 33, N. Y.

As the name indicates the organization is interested in the philately of Austria. A regular bulletin containing society news and general and specialized information about the nation's philatelic material is edited by vice president Pleskow.

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Stanley Phillips, 63, was chairman of Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., editor of the Gibbons Catalogue and author of a considerable number of books on stamp collecting. An affable gentleman and a facile writer, he had been in poor health for some years past but, ever cordial to visiting firemen, had us at his home when he was incapacitated during our last visit across. He will be greatly missed by a host of friends and leaves a place in our hobby circle hard to fill.

Half a century ago, there was a big fight on between Scott and Gibbons over whether the 1/2m black violet Puerto Rican babyhead had been issued with the "Habilitado para 1898 y 1899" overprint or not, the former saying "no" and the latter replying "Indeed it was!" You see, Gibbons had gotten some from somewhere and Scott hadn't.

To this day the latter firm holds that this alleged stamp is a private concoction. Both agree, however, that the 1/2m, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20, 40 and 80c overprinted a boxed 4-line "Habilitado 17 Octubre 1898" by metal stamp in red or black are illegits, and neither firm has recognized them though some foreign catalogues such as Galvez do.

October 14, 1898 incidentally, was the day when Spain transferred sovereignty of the island to the USA. All sorts of philatelic concussions appeared in the next few weeks but most of them were immediately spotted as private speculations and never made any catalogue. They puzzle collectors encountering them today.

USA overprinted "Philippines" are often found with Oakland, Calif. Singapore and Shanghai cancellations. These stamps, like the Guams, were valid for postage here in the USA for a time, and an Oakland dealer used the Philippine ones on his mail for several months. As for the others, they were mailed aboard ship and received cancellations when the vessels put in at port.

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A hitherto unchronicled cut-square 4 anna 1854 India "inverted head" has recently come to light and will be offered by H. R. Harmer, Ltd. at auction in London in October.

In all some thirty copies of this classic error have now been recorded but this is only the third cut-square example to be found. Although the bottom right corner is skinned on the surface resulting in a small portion of the frame being missing, it is nevertheless an exceptionally fine example of one of the most "difficult" stamps in the world.

It has good margins top and bottom, clear at left and on the right hand side the frame is just clipped at the lower angle. The postmark is the very light dot cancellation in dull blue.

This rarity, the property of Mary Lynch of Levin, New Zealand was the only stamp of value in an otherwise worthless collection. The collection was given to Miss Lynch in 1934 when she was at school in New Zealand by a great-aunt. The previous history of the stamp is unknown.

When this rare error, which now has a "Royal" certificate, comes under the hammer in October a realization of around £400 is expected.

**Royal Visits Issued
By Malta, Gibraltar**

Royal Visit commemoratives for Malta and Gibraltar were issued on May 3 and 10 respectively. Both are inscribed for the event.

Malta's is a 3d purple with a portrait of the Queen and a view of St. John's Co-Cathedral. The same value is used by Gibraltar, with a picture of the Queen and a view of the "Rock" and two vessels in a green color.

**Cuba Has Seals For
"Hospital Day"**

Cuba has issued its Hospital Day seals, an annual affair to bring better medical aid to its citizens, especially those afflicted with tuberculosis.

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**Commem For Tourist
Association Meeting**

For the Third Annual Meeting of the Caribbean Tourist Association at Aruba in the Netherlands Antilles May 3 to 7, that Dutch colony issued a single 15c commemorative. In gray and varying shades of blue it pictures a beach. Printing was by photogravure. Inscriptions with the design include "Aruba - 3e Jaarvergadering - 3-6 Mei 1954, Caribbean Tourist Association". According to a first day cover from M. R. Holly of Aruba the first day of issue was May 1.

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PENNSYLVANIA

The Keystoner in with a 2c Prex from Abington, Pa. in U-120n type. This is a nice clear print. There is a real live group of collectors in Western Pennsylvania. If interested in Pennsylvania precancels contact George D. Brown 5422 Kingwood St., Pittsburgh 6, Penna.

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Global Cover Society

Here is something new, something that offers a real challenge to the collector who is looking for a unique field in which to search. Under formation at the present time is a group that chooses to be known as the "Global Cover Society". Chief spokesman at present seems to be Mr. Ernest H. Bellard, 1940 Staunton Road, Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio. So if this matter appeals to you, get in touch with Mr. Bellard, for the group welcomes help from any source.

The object is to first develop a list of the Stamp Issuing Authorities of the world. Our principal reason for writing this editorial on this group is that we were amazed at the figures which Mr. Bellard gave us. By Postal Authorities, it is meant different countries, states, political divisions, local stamp issuing sources and in fact any and all sources which have issued postage stamps. This of course includes first, the various countries of the world, then you get into such things as India Native States, the states of the Colombian Republic, the various Postmaster Provisions of our early years, the various Confederate issues which were independent of the regular Confederate issues, the issues of the early Steamship Companies such as the Pacific

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Steam Navigation Company, the different issues of the Armies of Occupation in Foreign countries, etc.

Mr. Bellard tells us that the group has already developed a list of approximately 300 different Stamp Issuing Authorities, all done by searching old catalogues of stamps of the world. The number amazed us as it will doubtless amaze you, but does show what a great field for specialized collection lays before you who want something new and unusual to work with.

Naturally, this Global Cover Society is after covers which have been used from each and every one of these various Stamp Issuing Authorities. The task is appalling for it is easy to see what a great amount of value and cost would be involved, thus it becomes a task that might well intrigue some wealthy collector who could well afford the completion of such a collection.

Beyond a collection of covers we will also suggest a collection of the stamps from these various 300 authorities. This will be a much more simple task, yet one that will require the resources of a wealthy collector to complete.

But who among stamp collectors ever expects to complete any collection. It is this fact alone that makes stamp collecting so fascinating. It is not the stamps you have in your albums that keeps you enthused. Rather it is the stamps you need to fill in vacant spots that you have the thrill of hunting for that makes collecting the most fascinating of projects.

Thus this new group of collectors offers a new field for even the man of moderate means for with a list of 3000 Stamp Issuing Authorities it would be a simple matter to lay out an album to hold a single stamp from each source. The rare and unobtainable ones could well be represented with illustrations which you might find in old or current auction catalog illustrations.

Either way here is a field for new fun and interest. Start a collection of covers or of stamps, just one from all the different Stamp Issuing Authorities that you can gather and you will have a job that will keep you interested for years to come.

The Most Beautiful Stamp

Recent newspaper columns on stamps are again talking about the world's most beautiful stamp and it would seem that the columnist must have harked back to a time many years ago when in a survey of some nature the United States Dollar Omaha stamp was voted the most beautiful. Granted that that survey at that time may have picked the right stamp, the choice must have been based solely on the painting used as the central subject for the border of the stamp is so reminiscent of hundreds of other United States stamps that it could not have influenced the choice. The choice also may have been made by a group of enthusiasts for United States stamps who were wholly unfamiliar with the many beautiful foreign issues.

Certainly the stamp today could not be classed as the world's most beautiful stamp if a survey were made and it was certain that many of the foreign masterpieces were entered.

It is nice to live in the past, but I have always had an eye on the future which has always held more interest for me than the past.

This same columnist also states in the same newspaper column the recent experiment whereby the new 8c Statue of Liberty stamp was produced both by the engraving and the lithographic process has led the Post Office Department to announce that the trial with lithography was unsatisfactory and that the new series of stamps would be by the engraved process.

The columnist says "The lithographic samples proved inferior and it was decided to use the old engraving method to produce the new issue."

Further the columnist says "It was felt that one design was not a fair test, however, and other designs will be tried by lithography."

Our suggestion or belief however, would be that the men who operate the lithographic presses have not had the experience necessary to produce such stamps as come from other sources. Give them time and we are certain they will be able to match anything that has been done.

Naturally there should be no comparison between engraving and lithographing, any more than we should attempt to compare engraving with fine etchings. The methods are entirely different and each has its fine points which can not be matched by the other. In lithography we can have beauty of both design and color, something that is prohibitive by other methods.

While the new 8c stamp is attractive we feel that the possibilities for the stamp in lithographic form were restricted by the limit of what could be accomplished by engraving. Give a good lithographic artist and printer, free leave to alter the design to bring out the best in lithography and there would be little comparison between the two methods in the final result.

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In 1951 Vatican City issued a set of four to mark the beatification of Pope Pius X (Scott Nos. 145-148). This is a step preceding the elevation to sainthood, and causes the person so recognized to be known as "Blessed".

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Complaints are beginning to come in from all over because of the poor centering of the 8c Statue of Liberty. Some writers, who hold positions in their local post offices have stated they have gone through a couple of pads of panes (100 panes to a pad) and have yet to find one that is nicely centered throughout.

They have sent samples of some of this centering, and it is bad. As yet I haven't seen the first full pane, but the singles and blocks encountered on the FDC's all had the perforations to make what I would call very fine stamps.

It will be difficult to control the location of the hole making since each individual sheet containing four post office size panes is run through the perforator by itself. With the usual rotary press printing, the roll of paper on which the stamps have been printed is taken to the machine and unwound into it for the holes, and guided for alignment by the electric eye device. These 8-centers don't seem to have that advantage.

I would suggest you get as nice a pane of these soon as possible for the Department realizing the trouble might switch to something else in the way of a printing or perforating method creating thereby an entirely new variety.

Remember that the public waited too long for well-centered 5c New York airmail commems and many philatelic britches were down around their owner's ankles when they suddenly went off sale.

Guy Stoms of Homestead, Fla., has sent a plate block where the red Liberty has been printed into the lower right corner, the design covering part of the "ERTY" of Liberty. You are liable to find anything in the way of poor registration of colors on this stamp.

1. The Seal of Lord Baltimore was reproduced on a commem issued since 1945. Name it.

2. Which is the most recent commem with a state seal in its design?

There was a wonderfully pleasant surprise in the mail this week—the kind that makes stamp collectors a bit envious.

It was one of the souvenir albums which Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield prepared for several of the distinguished guests in attendance at the impressive ceremonies on April 8 for the 8c Statue of Liberty stamp.

In case you haven't seen one they are about 6½ inches wide by 8½ inches high and covered with an imitation leather. Impressed on the front in gold in four lines is the legend, "8-CENT STATUE OF LIBERTY—'IN GOD WE TRUST'—STAMP CEREMONY—APRIL 8, 1954." There also in gold is the seal of the Post Office Department, and my name, making it a very personal remembrance, indeed.

Inside on the right beneath a plastic cover is a picture of President Eisenhower and the White House, a mint plate block of the stamp, a picture of PMG Summerfield and a view of the Post Office Department Building.

Accompanying the album was a gracious note from Mr. Summerfield.

While I had received an invitation to attend these ceremonies and dinner in Washington April 8, it wasn't possible to be there.

It was nice to be remembered.

The Kansas Territorial commem due for release at Fort Leaven-

worth, Kansas May 31 is going to be in a reddish gold color.

While I haven't seen a sample of the color I have a hunch it is going to be somewhat close to that used for the California Centennial of Statehood stamp of 1950. That shade wasn't half bad.

A little bird states that the collecting of stamps from the mail of some government departments with subsequent sale to dealers has been found to be a profitable project and will be continued.

This means of revenue to the government was in for much newspaper publicity some weeks ago when the first batch of such stamps was sold to the highest bidders.

These are items which are over and above those gathered and distributed to hospitalized veterans. No one loses, and the government gains several hundred bucks in revenue every now and again.

My hat's off to a person who will devise means to bring in some profit to the national treasury even in the hundreds.

The announcement that the forthcoming 3c regular would have its first day of issue at Albany, N. Y. has brought a lot of "how comes" in the mail. I can't quite see the tie-in myself excepting that the good citizens of that city are going to have a big local celebration and are seizing on something out of the past as an excuse.

The "Albany Convention of 1754" which is the event in question, happened while this part of the world was still a colony of England. Perhaps in a remote way it had something to do with the independent United States government which came some years later, but at the time it was held the purpose was quite foreign to that.

In that year of 1754 when it appeared that the English and French would inevitably come to blows on the North American continent, the lords of trade recommended that an inter-colonial convention be called to "confirm and establish the ancient friendship of the Five Nations" and consider plans for a permanent union among the colonies.

On June 19 commissioners from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, Maryland and New York assembled at Albany, and after arranging for the participation of the Indians in the war adopted, with some modifications, on July 11, a plan of inter-colonial union proposed by Benjamin Franklin.

Franklin's plan provided for the appointment by the crown of a president-general, who was to nominate military officers, commission all officers, and have veto power over the acts of the Grand Council; and for a grand council, to be made up of representatives chosen by the legislature of each colony every three years, no colony to have more than seven members, not less than two.

This council was not to be terminated by royal command, dissolved, or kept in session longer than six weeks against its consent, and with the approval of the president-general, was to manage Indian affairs, authorize new settlements, nominate all civil officers, impose taxes, enlist and pay troops, and construct forts, all of its acts to be valid unless vetoed by the crown within three years.

The plan was everywhere rejected—by the court and the royal governors, because it gave too much power to the colonies; by the colonies because it gave too much power to the king.

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EGYPT — A single 10 millieme stamp is to be issued on June 18 to commemorate the first anniversary of the Egyptian Republic.

FRENCH COLONIES — To conform with new increased postal rates, new definitive sets are in planning for the Cameroons, Comoro Islands, Madagascar, Togo and French Equatorial Africa. It is expected that there will be 32 new stamps in all.

GERMANY — The West German Government released a single 10 pfennig stamp in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of Ottmar Mergenthaler. The anniversary date was May 9, but the stamp came on sale on May 11. Mergenthaler is the inventor of the linotype machine, which he conceived after emigrating to the United States. The design will feature a portrait of Mergenthaler to the left of the stamp and a linotype machine at the right. His name is at the upper right below which are dates '1854-1899'.

GREECE — The fifth anniversary of NATO is to be commemorated by this country with the issuance of a set of three stamps. Values are: 1200 drs., 2400dr., and 4000dr. The set will be placed on sale sometime during the first ten days of May and will remain valid for postage until January 31, 1955.

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NETHERLANDS ANTILLES — On May 1 a 15c blue stamp was issued in honor of the Third Annual Caribbean Tourist Association convention held in Aruba from May 3 to May 6. The design features Palm Beach in Aruba.

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Since the out of pocket cost for handling this business at all of the first day post offices amounted to approximately \$55,000, the Department realized a substantial profit on the first day sale of new stamps—one of the few functions the Department finds profitable.

Of the total number of first day covers cancelled, it is estimated that 1,356,900 bore blocks of four, or the equivalent of at least twelve cents in postage (in 3c stamps) on each cover, making the excess of postage used nine cents. This figure represents \$122,121.00 in excess postage paid for handling this type of envelope, an amount which more than reimbursed the Department for the cost of all first day sales in 1953.

The greatest profit from the sale of ordinary and commemorative stamps is made in the Philatelic Agency located in postal headquarters in Washington. The sales for the last fiscal year amounted to \$1,829,505.08, an increase of 16 percent over the fiscal year 1952. Most of the stamps sold in the Agency go into stamp albums and are never used for postage.

In addition to the stamps purchased by collectors from the Agency, many make purchases from local postmasters. It is estimated that collectors of U.S. issues spend \$15,000,000 or more per year on the purchase of both regulars and commems.

When a new stamp is printed, approximately 100,000,000 are distributed promptly to postmasters in the United States so that they will be available to local collectors and patrons soon after the first day.

The stamp stock in the Philatelic Agency is well selected and various plate number and position blocks, as well as special markings, are available for those who collect such items.

The Post Office Department's publication entitled "Postage Stamps of the United States" is one of the more popular items for sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The price is 65¢ and a total of 66,379 copies has been sold in the past five months.

The current life of the "Crane List No. 50" will expire on June 30, states A. B. Crane, P.O. Box 351, Altoona, its editor and compiler. This piece of literature is used by a great many plate block collectors for its pages are recorded the prices of each plate by position. The Bi-Centennials to date is the coverage. Sent regularly by subscription.

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CHARITY SEALS OF JAPAN

(Continued from last week)

Kekkaku Yobo Kai (Japan ATA)

1952 marked the first issue of seals by this organization which is at present the only seal-issuing society in Japan. Design showed Japanese doll with snow-crested volcano in background. Red, blue and green. Sheet of 50 and booklets of 10 seals issued.

In 1952 there was a total of 8,550,000 seals printed by Hosokawa Printing Co. Of this total 8,000,000 seals were in booklet panes and 550,000 seals in sheets of 50. A total of 5,745,880 seals were sold. Designer was Tochichiro Fujimoto.

1953—Boy dressed in winter clothing two rabbits in front of him. Snow-flakes in yellow background. Multicolor. Sheet of 50. Also miniature sheets of six seals five of which are the regular design and one in center of top row showing a red D.B cross on dark blue background, Japanese characters across bottom. Printing on the miniature sheet is much more distinct than that on the sheet of 50, having been printed by a different process. These miniature sheets were issued for sale to the people of Japan as they could not afford to purchase the large sheets of 50.

Seals were designed by Takeo Shimada and were printed by Daini-hon Printing Co. in a total amount of 6,000,000 seals. 2,500,000 seals were printed in the small sheets and 3,500,000 seals were printed in sheets of 50. Sales to date have not been computed but results are very favorable and it is probable that number of seals sold will equal or surpass that of 1952.

Japanese Ministry of Posts

From 1949 through 1952 the Japanese ministry of posts issued small seals to be applied to letters going abroad. These were distributed without charge.

1949—Head of Santa Claus on a black starry background red, white, purple and green on black. 1950—Santa with pack driving sleigh and reindeer, brown and red. 1951—Pale blue bell and holly leaves on dark blue field, with white stars, red, and blue. 1952—Holly leaves, red berries and snowflakes, red and gray. All the foregoing were dated.

Nozomi No Kai (Band of Hope)

Issued in the fall of 1951, these seals portray a child ("Aiko San") lying in bed with outstretched arms, looking at a Christian cross in upper left corner. At bottom in English appears "Help the Sick" and Japanese characters at top meaning "Let's Stretch Out the Helping Hand."

These seals were issued by H. V. Nicholson, a missionary in Japan, primarily to publicize the necessity of people being kind and helping the sick through spiritual means. The idea of raising funds through the sale of these seals was not the objective although some funds have been received by sale of the seals in this country. They were issued in small sheets of 25, straight edged on all four sides. 108,000 sheets of 25 were printed.

Hiroshima Peace Hall

In 1950 a project was started to erect a "Peace Hall" in Hiroshima and seals were issued in booklets of 50, 10 panes of five different designs to a booklet. It was intended to sell these and raise funds toward construction costs. Designs were as follows (all seals were inscribed "Hiroshima"); Fish and map of Japan; large rose; ear of wheat on green and white background; Bell and ball; Three white doves in red background.

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Austin Show Profits To Chicago Charity

The first charitable exhibition held by any philatelic society in the United States was successfully staged April 24, 25 by Chicago's Austin Philatelic Club under the chairmanship of Dr. James J. Matejka Jr.

Exhibition ceremonies were highlighted on the opening day by the presentation of a check, representing the show's proceeds, to Auguste Mathieu, executive director of the Off-The-Street-Club charity for use in fighting delinquency in the Chicago metropolitan area.

It was the hope and desire of every member of Austin Philatelic Club to start a chain of reactions, to initiate philatelic philanthropy by other American stamp societies as well as by philatelic groups in other lands.

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Minnesota ranks first in America in the mining of iron ore, much of which comes from the fabulous Mesabi range district, and its shipment to eastern mills for conversion into steel for the automobile, building and kindred industries.

It is also top-ranking as the greatest flour-milling center in the world and has numerous meatpacking plants, creameries, and cheese factories.

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Saint Paul, the capital, is a noted junction for western and trans-continental railroads. Other ranking cities are Minneapolis the metropolis, Duluth port of iron-ore ferries, Rochester home of the famed Mayo Clinic.

Educational institutions in the "Gopher State" include the University of Minnesota, Hamline University, Macalester College and Carleton College.

H.M. Bremer

Advices George VI 2½d Little Used

Maj. R. C. Dettman, 72 Marlow St., Wembley, Western Australia is of the opinion that the King George VI 2½d regular soon to be replaced by Australia with a Queen Elizabeth design will be a desirable item since it never had much use during its life.

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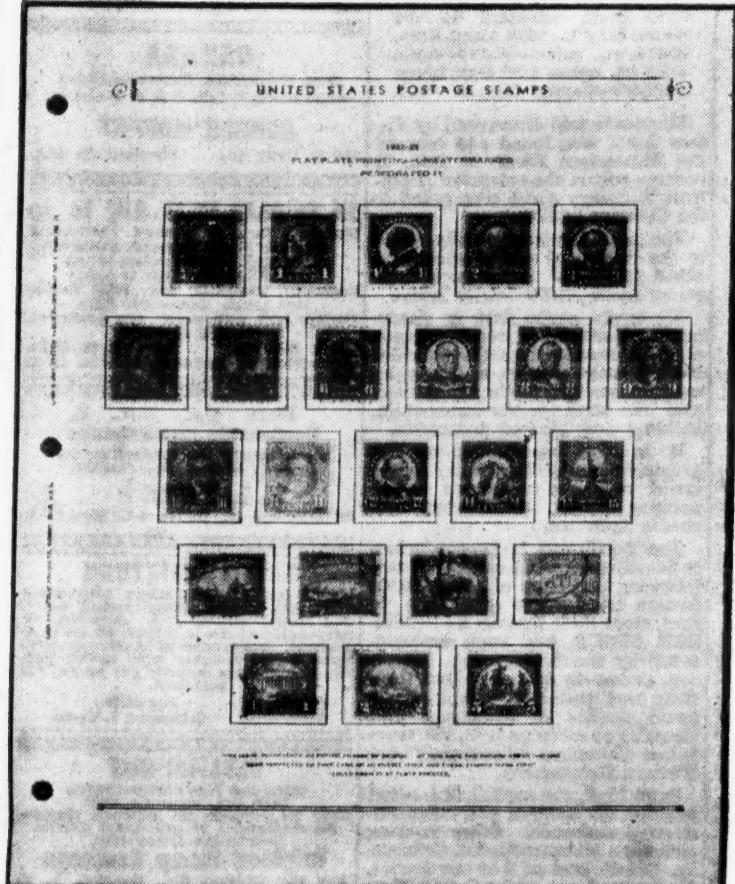
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It wasn't until about 1852 that a means of cooking wood to produce a satisfactory pulp was patented in England, and in 1854 in the United States. The German invention of groundwood was patented in the U.S. in 1866. Groundwood is made by pressing logs against huge grindstones under a water spray. As you can imagine, this gives a very low grade of pulp, which is used in cheap book, magazine, and news papers.

Today nearly all the paper used in the world is made from wood. Different grades are obtained by cooking with different chemicals and varying amounts of time, and various methods of refining, bleaching, and blending.

Further variations are obtained by fillers (mostly China clay), sizing, rosin, and by running thru a series of rolls under terrific pressures, called calendering — These rolls have up to several hundred tons of pressure on them.

The best bond and writing papers are made from part- or all-ray content (which, today, makes them expensive), and the very best grades of paper, namely, cigarette and bible papers, are made from flax tow and rice straw. These last two types have to be very light weight, tough, and yet opaque to printing.

There are several of the straws, stalks and vines that can be made into good paper, but at present they are being used only for cheaper grades. Most of the paper mills are not in areas producing these materials, and the yield from them is so low, that to make good bond, book or writing papers from them, they would be unable to compete in price with the wood papers. They are being used, however, in some areas to blend with wood pulps where the pulpwood supplies are running low.

Today the processes of cooking, refining and paper making are improved greatly, and speeded up considerably from the old handmade paper. We now debark logs and chip them into small pieces,

dump into cooking vessels called digesters along with water and one or more of the following chemicals: sodium hydroxide (lye), sodium sulfide, sodium sulfite, sodium sulfate, sodium carbonate, or calcium hydroxide (lime).

These digesters, which are mostly big globes, or balls, ranging up to 16 feet in diameter, are heated by steam until the internal pressure builds up to 40 to 100 pounds per square inch (depending on the type of cook being made), and slowly rotated during the cooking period. This period, also depending on the type of cook, may vary from a few minutes to 2 to 3 days.

The cooking process does not primarily "clean" the wood, but rather it removes the lignin, which is the binding material in all vegetable matter. The chips are then dumped into vats, washed, run thru machines that break up and defiber them, diluted to a thin slurry and run over screens to remove all particles over a certain size — the accepted size being around 8 to 12 1/1000's of an inch, again depending on the type of paper desired.

These fibers are bleached for bond, magazine and book types of papers, or left unbleached for kraft papers, then refined or beaten to give the desired qualities. The beating process may also take from a few minute to many hours.

The fiber then goes to the paper machine, which, in essence, does the same as the old hand paper-maker, picks up a certain amount of fiber from a slurry, presses out the water, passes over drying rolls, thru callendar rolls when desired, and either rolled or cut into sheets at the other end of the machine.

The paper may then go to other machines for coating, waxing, or other finishes as desired. Color and

filler clay are mixed in at the head of the paper machine. Today paper machines are in use that make continuous sheets from 3 to 15 feet wide, the length being governed only by the size of roll the company wants to handle.

There are many kinds of specialized papers, such as glassine, impervious, blotting, tracing, cigarette, Bible, waterproof, silk-thread (like our money is printed on), etc., also light to heavy board, insulation, boxboard, and pressedboard, which would take too much space here to describe, but basically, they all follow the above methods.

Most machine papers can be tested for machine direction (that is, the direction of flow from the machine) by tearing, the greater force necessary to tear being across the machine direction. This is not true, however, for all papers, for ones like news, very cheap book and magazine papers have such a low tear in both directions that only special delicate machines can tell the difference in force.

In spite of all the technological advances in paper making, there is today a small amount of paper still made by hand. Most of this is made in that manner more for the novelty of it than of necessity or of special usage, and is quite expensive—most of it being used for personalized stationery or cards. Unless, possibly, there are parts of the world that do not have the power or machinery to make paper in large quantities.

I suppose, really, that in a paper of this kind I should have the specifications of stamp paper, but I must confess that at the time of writing, that I do not have these specs of the paper required by the various governments. I am going to try, however, to obtain some of this information, and if I am successful, will report on it at a later date. The papers are still made of the materials and by the methods outlined above, the only exception could be the watermarks.

Watermarks, since I mentioned it, are made by soldering fine wire in the pattern desired on the pick-up screen of the paper machine. This makes the paper a bit thinner at that spot, and results in places thru which light can pass more readily. Actually, it is not a mark made by water as the term would imply, but rather the inverse, less water being able to go through the screen, and thereby leaving a few less fibers in that spot.

AUSTRALIA
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A method of catching fish was depicted on the 9d stamp. This illustrated a native, silent and alert, standing on a tree platform near the shore with bow poised ready to eject an arrow into the water.

A fine full length portrait of Sgt. Major Simoi was the topic of the 5s value. After joining the Papuan Infantry Battalion in 1899, he became the first native policeman to obtain the rank of Warrant Officer.

A native making a fire by the primitive method of rubbing two sticks together appeared on the 10s; and another was shown on a 2½d standing in front of some "Tree Houses" originally erected as observation posts against attacking tribesmen in years gone by.

One of two designs in use in 1934 in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the declaration of Papua as a British Protectorate included an inset portrait of Boe Vagi, who in 1884 during the original celebrations, was head chief of the Port Moresby District.

The main design showed the hoisting of the flag at Port Moresby and a second medallion inset portrayed Commodore Erskine who made the declaration.

Twenty natives from the surrounding districts appeared on H. M. S. Nelson, Erskine's flagship in

Moresby Harbor, talking over the original 1884 plans. This was shown on the 2d and 5d values.

Six 1939 airmail stamps adopted as their themes the common motif — a native man and woman in separate outrigger canoes propelling them along the coast with long poles. An aeroplane was in flight overhead.

New Guinea air stamps first placed on sale in 1935, with the main assembly picturing the Bulolo Goldfields, additionally included two side panels. One showed an ancient Spanish gold bullion ship, the other a European panning for gold watched by a native carrying a spear.

During 1952 a combined Papua-New Guinea series marked the anniversary of civil administration following the defeat of Japan. These pertained to the territory, from the Gulf Country in the west to Buka Island in the east, and from the Sepik River in the north to the Trobriands.

The 1d illustrated two young natives wearing the tall bowl-shaped headdress of the Kieta District of Buka, the most northerly of the Solomon Islands. The pandanus leaf headpieces are worn at initiation ceremonies.

A typical smiling-faced New Guinea youth was pictured on the 2d stamp his "fuzzy wuzzy" hair standing out on the design.

A native policeman, Sgt. Neri who has a fine war record, figured on the 3d representing the New Guinea and Papua police force.

The study of a native wearing an ornate headdress, which comprised bird of paradise plumes and cockatoo feathers, and having a boar tusk inserted through his nose, was seen on the 3½d.

A native family seated on the veranda of a Kiriwana chief's house, and a man outside a yam house on one of the Trobriand Islands, were featured on the 6d and 7½d stamps respectively.

One of the territory's main industries, the export of copra, was symbolized with the 9d. This featured the "green meat" of coconuts being sundried on a specially built rack. A native attendant watches over the layout.

A native tapping rubber, another important industry, appeared on the 1s 6d stamp. In lap lap and his fuzzy hair dominant, the native was bending over as he watched the liquid rubber oozing into a bowl fastened to the tree trunk into which he had made an incision.

The subject of the 2s 6d was of a flock of sheep guarded by a native herdsman carrying a bow and arrows in his hand. He was in the normal dress of the New Guinea highlands (he has a large plumed headdress), where sheep have been

successfully introduced from Australia in recent years.

A throw back to the 1932 "fishing" stamp was the 4½ value of the new series which this time portrayed another native of the Western Districts standing on a rock in the act of spearing fish, per medium of a bow and arrow.

The custom of shooting fish by bow is being supplanted in some parts of the Territory, the natives using home-made spear guns equipped with rubber bands.

The ½d value of the recently issued Nauru pictorial stamps characterized another method of fishing, inscribed as "Nauruan netting fish." He was pictured hurling a net into the surf to make his fish capture a custom practised on many Pacific islands.

The natives of Nauru, and they are numbered only in hundreds, are established on the island's coastal strip between the sandy beach and coral cliffs.

New Editions Of Specialty Albums

Scott Publications has just released new editions of, and supplements for, the five Scott Specialty Albums covering the British Empire.

These are part of the 24-title Specialty series of loose-leaf albums which provide spaces for all major-numbered stamps in Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.

The British Asia Album has expanded so much that it now has to be housed in two binders, and sells for \$17. Its new supplement, covering about three years of new issues, is the largest of the five and costs \$2.75. The four other albums and their prices follow:

"Great Britain, British Europe and Oceania," \$13, supplement \$1.75. "British Africa," \$13, supplement \$2. "British America," \$12, supplement \$2. "British North America" (pages only,) \$1.50 supplement 75c.

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Austria is providing stamp and cover collectors with a means of getting special treatment for their mail in the form of a label which when placed on the face of the envelope alerts the clerk for a good cancellation.

Frank S. Schanzer of Fostoria, Ohio states the size is approximately 37mm wide by 13mm high. Half the label, on a diagonal line is green on one side and light cream on the other. Two concentric circles are in the center.

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BELGIUM B264-72 mint (1940-41). Very nice multicolored set of Coats of Arms of Belgian cities. Very attractive. Cat. val. \$1.58. **OUR PRICE** \$.53.

BELGIUM B279-50 mint (1941). Two very unusual sheets. The nine stamps in B264-72 in sheets one perf, one imperf. Nine different stamps in each sheet. Unusual. Cat. val. \$2.00. **OUR PRICE** \$.66.

BELGIUM B305-14 mint (1941-42). Nice set of large stamps picturing various statues of St. Martin. Nice religious items. Cat. val. \$1.49. **OUR PRICE** \$.50.

BELGIUM B342-43 mint (1942). Religious topical. Extra large beautiful bi-colored picturing St. Martin. Cat. val. \$1.20. **OUR PRICE** \$.40.

BELGIUM B370-75 mint (1944). Religious or Red Cross. Beautiful photogravure stamps with Red Cross picturing Madonna & Child, Good Samaritan & Christ healing the paralytic. Cat. val. \$1.35. **OUR PRICE** \$.52.

BRAZIL 480-83 used (1939). Nice inexpensive set picturing Pres. Washington & Cleveland and the statue of freedom we presented to Brazil. Cat. val. \$8.80. **OUR PRICE** \$.27.

BRAZIL 628-32 used (1945). Brazil's commemoration of the United Nations victory in Europe. World War II flag topical. Cat. val. \$1.62. **OUR PRICE** \$.54.

BULGARIA 289-96 mint (1941). Inexpensive but attractive set picturing scenes in Macedonia. Cat. val. \$.71. **OUR PRICE** \$.24.

BURMA 35-50 mint (1945). George VI item. Beautiful set. Some bicolored. Check cat. Overprinted for Military Administration after World War II. Good set. Good price. Cat. val. \$6.47. **OUR PRICE** \$2.16.

CAMEROONS C1-7 mint (1942). Good color in this set picturing plane. Check catalog for design. Cat. val. \$2.86. **OUR PRICE** \$.95.

CAPE JUBY 70-81 & E4 mint (1937). A very attractive set of Spanish Morocco stamps overprinted for use in Cape Juby. A very beautiful set and a nice overprint item. Cat. val. \$3.30. **OUR PRICE** \$1.10.

CONGO 129-56 mint (1921-27). Very attractive complete set picturing natives & native scenes. A very popular set, getting scarce, complete. Check catalog on this item. Cat. val. \$4.98. **OUR PRICE** \$1.66.

CONGO 166-72 mint (1928). A very nice bi-colored national park set. Check catalog for designs. Cat. val. 2.24. **OUR PRICE** \$.71.

CONGO 184-86 mint (1941-42). Two beautiful bi-colored park scenes and King Albert Memorial with overprints. Cat. val. \$1.45. **OUR PRICE** \$.48.

CYRENAICA C1-5 mint (1932). Beautiful stamps picturing airplane over the columns of the Basilica at Leptis. With overprints for use in the Italian colony. Cat. val. \$1.25. **OUR PRICE** \$.42.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA 77-82 mint (1942). Educational topical. Commemorates 150th Anniversary of the Slovakian Educational Society. Cat. val. \$1.07. **OUR PRICE** \$.36.

DUTCH INDIES 294-301 mint (1948-49). One of the last Dutch Indies issues. Queen Wilhelmina stamp overprinted Indonesia. Good value in this set. Cat. val. \$2.35. **OUR PRICE** \$.78.

ECUADOR C83-85 mint (1943). Nice overprinted item commemorating visit of the President of Paraguay. Cat. val. \$.85. **OUR PRICE** \$.28.

EGYPT 258-64 mint (1946). Nice inexpensive set picturing various Arab League leaders. Check catalog. Cat. val. \$.79. **OUR PRICE** \$.26.

ESTONIA B15-19 mint (1927). An early colored set from a popular dead country. All on colored paper. Cat. val. \$1.40. **OUR PRICE** \$.47.

ETHIOPIA C21-22 mint (1947). Roosevelt Topical. Large bi-colored stamps picturing Roosevelt & Haile Selassie. A good buy at this price. Worth having. Cat. val. \$12.00. **OUR PRICE** \$4.00.

ETHIOPIA. Several nice sets from this rather remote but progressing country. Overprints and bicolors. Check catalog carefully on these, as these are some you'll like.

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FRANCE MOROCCO C33 mint (1945). Very attractive single picturing plane over Morocco. Cat. val. \$.75. **OUR PRICE** \$.25.

GERMANY 490-91 mint (1939). Nazi Emblem issue commemorating Young Workers' Professional Competition. A good German item. Cat. val. \$1.25. **OUR PRICE** \$.42.

GERMANY 490-96 used (1947). All the high values. Bi-colored. Check catalog for designs. Cat. val. \$1.91.

GERMANY B160-68 mint (1939). Beautifully colored & engraved. Inexpensive set picturing various castles. Cat. val. \$1.91.

GERMANY 600-33 mint (1948). A long set with post horn overprint. Check catalog for unusual overprint. Cat. val. \$1.37. **OUR PRICE** \$.46.

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GERMANY B177-85 mint (1940). Similar to B160-68. Fine engraving and colors. Castles, theatres, etc. Cat. val. \$1.80. **OUR PRICE** \$.60.

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GREECE 490-96 used (1947). All the high values. Bi-colored. Check catalog for designs. Good colors. Cat. val. \$2.19. **OUR PRICE** \$.73.

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GREENLAND 20A-25A mint (1945). A nice set in a set of stamps that should hold their value. "A" listings only of the 1945 overprint issue. Exceptional for those who like varieties. Order quickly. Cat. val. \$47.50. **OUR PRICE** \$23.75.

ICELAND 240-45 mint (1944). A very popular set commemorating founding of the Icelandic Republic. Well worth the relatively higher price. Cat. val. \$10.00. **OUR PRICE** \$5.00.

ITALY-AEgean Islands 8-14 mint (1932). Airplane topical. Beautiful photogravure stamps picturing DaVinci's flying machine and DaVinci's work for Aegean Islands. Cat. val. \$3.30. **OUR PRICE** \$1.00.

MONACO 203, C16-20 mint (1947). Philatelic Topical item. Pictures Roosevelt with collection. Statue of Liberty, etc. Check catalog for designs. Very nice set. Cat. val. \$1.62. **OUR PRICE** \$.54.

MONACO 237-44 mint (1949). Nice inexpensive set that goes in a ship topical. Several ships pictured. Good colors. Cat. val. \$1.11. **OUR PRICE** \$.37.

MONACO B85-91 mint (1946). Nice children's topical. Very colorful set picturing little child. One of the most popular of all children items. Cat. val. \$2.65. **OUR PRICE** \$.88.

MONTENEGRO 2NC18-23 mint (1943). A very pretty set of views of Montenegro. A buy at this price. Usually on approvals at \$2.00 or more. Cat. val. \$4.25. **OUR PRICE** \$1.08.

JUGOSLAVIA 317-22 used (1950-51). Ship topical. All stamps picture ships, old sailing vessel, steamer, etc. Good color. Cat. val. \$1.48. **OUR PRICE** \$.49.

KOREA 16 used (1900). One of the rarest items from Korea. The most expensive major item listed. Cat. val. \$15.00. **OUR PRICE** \$5.00.

LICERIA 163-75 used (1918). A very nice set of bicolored stamps picturing many subjects. Check cat. Cat. val. \$1.49. **OUR PRICE** \$.56.

LICERIA 329 & C66 used (1950). National Literacy Issue. Pictures hand holding book & book & Sun. Cat. val. \$.50. **OUR PRICE** \$.17.

LICERIA 329-31 & C67 mint (1950). UPU Topical. Vivid bicolors picturing first UPU Bldg. & UPA monument at Bern. A good buy at this price. Worth having. Cat. val. \$2.80. **OUR PRICE** \$.93.

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NEW HEBRIDES 67-78 & J11-15 mint (1941). The complete Free French issue for this colony. A good buy for the money. Some on colored paper. A very attractive set. Cat. val. \$35.70. **OUR PRICE** \$11.90.

NEW ZEALAND 247-57 mint (1946). New Zealand Peace issue. Very attractive set. Some bi-colored. Check catalog. Cat. val. \$2.13. **OUR PRICE** \$.71.

PARAGUAY 399-402 mint (1943). Inexpensive set picturing Columbus Commemorates 450th Anniversary of discovery of America. Cat. val. \$.51. **OUR PRICE** \$.17.

LIBERIA 329-37, C68-69 mint (1952). A very beautiful bi-colored pastel shade set. Superbly beautiful is hardly adequate. Check cat. for designs. One of the most popular recent issues. Fit some topicals. Cat. val. \$2.00. **OUR PRICE** \$.67.

LIBERIA E1 mint (1941). A nice single picturing seal of Liberia overprinted with postman for Special Delivery use. Cat. val. \$2.00. **OUR PRICE** \$.66.

LIBERIA F35 mint (1941). Similar to E1 above with large overprint for Registered Mail. Cat. val. \$.50. **OUR PRICE** \$.17.

LIBERIA 098-110 used (1918). Liberia 163-75 overprinted for official use. Interesting set of many designs. Should be bought with 163-75. Cat. val. \$1.94. **OUR PRICE** \$.65.

LECHTENSTEIN 4-10 mint (1917-18). An early set from this popular country. Coat of Arms & Prince Johann II. Good set. Reasonably priced. Cat. val. \$1.15. **OUR PRICE** \$.28.

LITHUANIA. Three early issues from a popular dead country. Not very pretty but would be in any collection of this country. 9-12 used (1919) Cat. \$5.00 ONLY \$1.66

12-19 used (1919) Cat. 1.50 ONLY .50

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LITHUANIA C47-52 mint (1934). An unusual item mourning early air disaster. One pictures Angel of Death over wrecked plane. A bit macabre. Nice bi-colors. Cat. val. \$2.65. **OUR PRICE** \$.85.

LUXEMBOURG C18-15 used (1946). The three high values. Bi-colored. Check catalog for designs. Nice buy in higher priced stamps. Cat. val. \$3.50. **OUR PRICE** \$1.17.

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